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Fort Shafter Planning Emergency Response Exercise

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii--An exercise will be conducted here April 11-13 to test Department of Defense (DOD), Federal, State and Local emergency response to a simulated Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) incident on the installation.

The exercise dubbed, "Joint Response – Hawaii 2006", has three main phases (Education, Rehearsal, and Execution). The first day will feature an open house - static display of eight DOD and State response agencies' equipment and capabilities - in order to educate and inform the Fort Shafter staff and their families. The second day will be a rehearsal day, and the third day will be the actual exercise.

In addition to the Fort Shafter military police and working dogs, the exercise includes support from the following agencies: Joint Task Force Homeland Defense, the FBI, Pearl Harbor Federal Fire Department, Navy Explosive Ordnance Detachments, Honolulu City and County EMS, Hawaii Department of Health, the CBRNE unmanned ground vehicle, and Tripler Army Medical Center.

"This is a great opportunity for the various first response agencies to coordinate in person to better integrate and execute a synchronized response to an emergency on Ft. Shafter," said Lt. Col Anthony R. Skinner, USARPAC CBRNE staff officer.

"Upon completion of the three-day exercise we hope to validate our ability to conduct a joint synchronized and integrated response, test installation and staff contingency operations plans, and identify areas of strength and those areas needing improvement," Skinner said.

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Media Note: Interested media are welcome to attend the open house April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and cover/participate in the exercise April 13. Please R.S.V.P by April 10 to USARHAW PAO at (808)655-4815/8729.

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